

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/023,846

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/25/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 42-47 and 49-56.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Applicant's amendment filed on April 25, 2007 has been entered. Claims 42-56 are pending. Claims 1-41 are canceled by the applicant.

#### ***Examiner's Amendment***

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. W. Keith Robinson on May 30, 2007. The applicant agreed to amend claim 42 with the same limitation of claim 48, and to cancel claim 48.

#### **CLAIMS:**

3. Please cancel claim 48.
4. Please replace claim 42 as follows:

A method of communicating credentials, the method comprising:

a first party communicating a composite credential across a distributed electronic network to a second party wherein the composite credential comprises a plurality of obfuscated credentials in which different obfuscation is used for at least two credentials in the composite credential;

the second party de-obfuscating at least one credential; and

the second party communicating to a third party at least one obfuscated credential from the composite credential, wherein the third party obtains a credential of the first party from the obfuscated credential without directly communicating with the first party, wherein the first party communicates to the second party an obfuscated composite credential comprising a first credential and a second credential in which the second credential is enveloped by the first credential, wherein the obfuscated composite credential is de-obfuscated by the second party thereby to obtain the first credential and a partly de-obfuscated second credential, which partly de-obfuscated second credential is communicated by the second party to a third party.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

5. Claims 42-47 and 49-56 are allowed.

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not disclose a first party communicating a composite credential across a distributed electronic network to a second party wherein the composite credential comprises a plurality of obfuscated credentials in which different obfuscation is used for at least two credentials in the composite credential; the second party de-obfuscating at least one credential; and the second party communicating to a third party at least one obfuscated credential from the composite credential, wherein the third party obtains a credential of the first party from the obfuscated credential without directly communicating with the first party, wherein the first party communicates to the second party an obfuscated composite credential comprising a first credential and a second credential in which the second credential is enveloped by the first credential, wherein the obfuscated composite credential is de-obfuscated by the second party thereby to obtain the first credential and a partly de-obfuscated second credential, which partly de-obfuscated second credential is communicated by the second party to a third party as set forth in claim 42.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanhnga (Tanya) Truong whose telephone number is 571-272-3858.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on 571-272-3859. The central fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2100.

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